

Q: #9: Who is doing this study?

A: The Federal Highway Administration, MDOT and its consultant, The Corradino Group, form the study team that is working with local governments, businesses, and residents.

Q: #10: How long will the study take?

A: The study should be finished some time in late summer/fall of 2004. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in late 2003 and reviewed at a public hearing held in January 2004. After responding to comments on the DEIS, the Final EIS will be produced in the summer of 2004.

Q: #11: Is funding available to go beyond the study phase?

A: Not at this time (April 2004). Governor Granholm's "Fix it First/Preserve First" Program announced in 2003, has deferred implementation of many projects like widening I-75 to some uncertain future date. Deferred projects will be reconsidered for funding when the goal is met of having 90 percent of state roads and bridges in good condition can be sustained, and when additional funding is available.



Q: #12: Does the public have a say in this?

A: MDOT has held several meetings since the start of the environmental impact study. The Department's approach is to keep the public informed and ask for their input.

Meeting announcements are mailed to nearly 7,000 area residents and others who have expressed an interest in the project. To join the mailing list, call toll free; 1-866-GOFIX75 (463-4975). MDOT also works with the local media to announce the meetings. And, you can reach the project at any time by email at www.mdot.state.mi.us/projects/I-75corridor.

Q: #13: Who makes the final decision?

A: Upon receipt of public input, the final decision will be the responsibility of the federal government (Federal Highway Administration) based upon a recommendation provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The final decision will be documented in a Record of Decision, executed by the United States Secretary of Transportation, at the conclusion of the study.

Q: #14: Where can I get more information?

A: If you would like more information, contact Brenda Peek, MDOT Office of Communications, at 248-483-5100 or via e-mail at peekb@michigan.gov. You also can visit the project Web site at www.mdot.state.mi.us/projects/I-75corridor, or call 1-866-GOFIX75 (463-4975) toll free.